

## Coffman Leads Caucus to Fight for Balanced Budget Amendment

**(WASHINGTON)** —U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) welcomed new and old members of his Balanced Budget Amendment Caucus on the U.S. Capitol steps today to kick off the group's efforts in the 112th Congress to develop and champion a measure that would constitutionally mandate a balanced federal budget.

"We have a \$14.2 trillion national debt, and a current year deficit estimated to be \$1.5 trillion," said Coffman, chairman of the caucus. "Our nation is headed toward complete financial meltdown and the only solution is to hold Congress' feet to the fire with a Constitutional Amendment requiring that they, like every family and nearly every state in the country, balance their budget."

Coffman founded the Balanced Budget Amendment Caucus last year to raise awareness about the necessity and importance of amending the Constitution to require a balanced budget, and to educate other Members on the subject. Caucus membership grew this year to over 60 members.

"It's encouraging that more and more of my colleagues in Congress recognize the threat of Washington's reckless, out-of-control spending. I welcome their support in the ongoing effort to get our fiscal house in order," Coffman said. "We need to make a Balanced Budget amendment a reality."

The Balance Budget Amendment Caucus is a bipartisan group of Members of Congress dedicated to developing and championing a measure that would mandate a balanced federal budget. In 1995, a balanced budget amendment passed the House but failed to meet the two-thirds requirement in the Senate by a single vote.



Members of the Congressional Balanced Budget Amendment Caucus pose for a photo on the east steps of the U.S. Capitol on March 31, 2011.

Below is the list of members who have joined the Congressional Balanced Budget Amendment Caucus in the 112th Congress as of March 31, 2011:

**Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO)**

**Chairman**

Rep. Sandra Adams (R-FB) Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL) Rep. Paul Broun (R-GA)  
Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL) Rep. Ann Marie Buerkle (R-NY) Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)  
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Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ) Rep. Jeff Landry (R-LA) Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH)  
Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO) Rep. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) Rep. Daniel Lungren (R-CA)  
Rep. Donald Manzullo (R-IN) Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA) Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC)  
Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon (R-CA) Rep. Bob McKinley (R-WA) Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)  
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Rep. Steve Pearce (R-NM) Rep. Bill Posey (R-IN) Rep. Tom Price (R-GA)  
Rep. Denny Rehberg (R-ID) Rep. David Rivera (R-FL) Rep. Thomas Rooney (R-FL)  
Rep. Jon Runyan (R-NJ) Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH) Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE)  
Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA) Rep. Scott Tipton (R-CO) Rep. Allen West (R-FL)  
Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC) Rep. Robert Wittman (R-VA) Rep. Todd Young (R-IN)  
Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA)

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